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Christiaan Robbert Steven SOUNOHIL, Attorne -at-Law, Assistant Judge Advocate, attached to the Temporary Court Martial at Macassar, charged with the investigation of war crimes committed in the Minahassa region, the person of: '. C. van den BENG. . . . . who, after having been duly notified of the obligation to tell the whole truth and nothing but the truth and of the importance of the eath to be taken by him, answered the questions but to him as stated below:

- Q. What is your full name, ago, occupation, address?
- A. van den BERG, Willem Carel, 47 years of age, Major Inf. R.M.I.A., Macassar.
- Q. What can you tell me in relation to this? (The with ss is shown the report concerning war crimes committed in the Minahassa region) (T.I. Celebes).
- Towards the end of March 1942, I along with many others was confined in Monado prison. Upon my arrival there I saw a number of Dutch prisoners of war already there, who at the end of January 1942 had been imprisoned. I also say that Chinese and Indonesian persons had been imprisoned there; These had already been confined during the invasion. They had been confined, as far as I know, for committing certain offenses. I, myself, came from Lagoan, where I had been interned in a house for approximately one month. At Menado I entered for the first time life as a prisoner of war and it has impressed me deeply. The first day I was speechless after all I saw in that brison there. Many of my old acquaintances I could no longer recognize. They looked very uncared for, had long boards, long hair and were considerably emaciated, while some of them kept staring blankly ahead. I noticed a terror psychosis amongst the prisoners owing to the fact that some had been executed already, whilst every moment one could expect that more people would be fetched from the prison not to return alive. I have never witnessed actual executions, but I have heard about that from others. I myself remained only for eight to ten days in the prison. After a Japanese Major of the Staff at Macassar, a certain Hocake, had visited the prison, we were transferred to Teling Camp. This was certainly necessary as conditions in the prison were more than beastly.

Some facts will illustrate that. The space in the prison was absolutely insufficient for the great number of prisoners. Nevertheless, we were crammed into it; in a cell destined for only three men, sometimes seven men were confined. Furthermore, there was a well around which open lavatories had been made. Bathing, teeth cleaning, using the lavatory, washing of clothes, everything had to be done in the open air in the small courtyard where the well was located. It is not to be wondered at that the water in the well was fouled in such a way that soon unbearable smells arose. The Japanese undertook nothing, absolutely nothing, to improve the situation. When we were brought in, we did receive no food or drink at all the first day.

The following days we received food twice. In the morning we got no food at all, only at noon and in the evening. These meals consisted

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of a handful of burned, boiled rice mixed with rotten "kanking-s" sters (T.L. water-cress). Altogether it had an unpleasant edour, and smell so badly that at a distance of one meter already it caused a feeling of nausea.

The burned rice was from a rice stock which had cought fire during the destruction of the harbour installation. What remained of the burnt rice stock had been swept together and this was supplied to us as our food.

The hunger, however, was so great that people who had been imprisoned longer asked for their ration of stinking rice and soup, and even fought for it.

There were no medical supplies, at least they were not supplied by the Japanese.

Concerning this, the Medical Officer, 1st Class, BORSTLAP, who at that time was charged with the medical supervision, can give detailed information. Personally I have witnessed the so-called sick-parade and noticed amongst other things that large virulent tropical ulcers were covered with a piece of paper soaked in a disinfectant. The Japanese did not supply us with this disinfectant. It was smuggled into the prison by the labour gangs. There were many patients suffering from dysentery and malaria and as I was told, many of these wretches, who went about with deep-set and faded eyes even were thrashed by the Japanese when owing to their disease they fouled themselves.

A bin for refuse was placed near the kitchen with a placerd announcing "Not allowed to eat from this refuse-bin", or words to that extent. Furthermore, there was a so-called "death cell." Therein were confined small groups of people awaiting their possible execution. I will not easily forget the aspect of these virtually doomed people. Many of them declined visibly from day to day; I was told that these people in the "death cell" did not always regularly get their food. Their very stay in this "death cell" badly affected their physical and psychic disposition. As I was assured, a complaint about the food resulted in the reduction of three meals to two; I mentioned these meals before. As regards clothing, I can state that practically all clothing had been taken away from the people. Consequently, they looked like vagabonds.

When I arrived in prison, the fear of meltreatment was already so prevalent that everybody tried to stay away from the Japanese as much as possible, lest to give rise to further illtreatment. Certainly, I saw some heavy blows struck with the whip and I saw also people in the so-talled "lizard" position. The man, who handled the whip, was YAMADA, the prison hangman; he was at the same time charged with the supervision in the prison. About executions I can report the following: Except COSIJW and Sorgeant J. MEIJER, I learnt that Major BOTTINGA and Sorgeant Major KERSTENLS were also executed. The latter was from the Section of Captain KRCON.

My subordinates, Lieutenant WIELITGA and Sergeant Major ROBBELMOID were in charge of the defense of Kallewierang airfield, mostly called Kakkas airfield. Both persons last mentioned have probably been executed in revenge for the losses suffered by the Japanese. The Japanese paratroops declared to us that they had suffered considerable casualties and that e.a. a Captain of the Japanese Paratroops was riddled with 82 bullets. The Japanese Lt. Col. HORIUTSCHI, Commander of the paratroops told me when I appeared before the Japanese Court Martial that he had not been able to observe from the air that there

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was a small occupation at the airfield, because therwise he would have landed with his paratroops in the rice fields between the aforementioned airfields and Kakkas village. Inhabitants of the Minahassa region whose names I do not know told me that WIELINGA and ROBBETMOND were bestially maltreated before their execution. Concerning Lt. SIGMUND and Sgt. FLIPS, a Dutch sailer, whose name I cannot remember, told me that as a prisoner of war at Langoan he was locked in a shed and that one day into that same shed were thrown the above mentioned SIGMUND and FLIPS tied to one another. They were badly maltreated, e.a. their teeth had been struck out, they urinated blood and they could hardly open their mouths. The questions put to them by the Japanese were aimed at obtaining information about the defense and number of troops in South Celebes, and particularly concerning the code that was used. According to the Japanese they should be able to give this information since they respectively as licutement . and sergeant, codewriter should be informed about all secret matters. That must have happened about 24 January 1942. The Japs gave them one night to sleep and think it over, while they were told that if they could not give better answers the next morning, they were to be beheaded. The above mentioned sailor ended his report saying: "I saw them taken away and have never seen them back."

The Japanese doctor, a Captain, at Lagoan and some other paratroops told me that there had been some fighting in the surroundings of Amoerang; in the course of that engagement the guerilla fighters should have been captured and admitted to the Langoan hospital. The Commandant, Sgt. MALIEZER, should have received shot-wounds in the knee. The Japanese paratroops told me that they daily visited the hospital ward and threatened these three men with gestures which indicated that their throats would be cut. Afterwards they laughingly told me that one of the three guerilla fighters had hung himself and later that Sgt. MALIEZER had cut his wrists with pieces of a broken medicine bottle.

The capenese told me further, that the wife of M.W.O. Hefman, living in Keneang village should also have participated in the guerilla fight, probably to avenge the death of her husband and should have been beheaded for that reason.

After the above questions and answers were slowly and clearly read to the witness, he adhered to his statements and did not desire to have anything altered therein; in proof whereof he has signed his statement.

The Witness

/s/ v. d. Borg

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Drawn up in my presence, The Asst. Judge Advocate /s/ Soumbkil

Thereupon the witness has taken the eath in accordance with his religious convictions to have told the whole truth and nothing but the truth.

The Asst. Judge Advocate

/s/ Soumokil

For the confirmation on eath: /s/ v. d. Borg

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/s/ (Illegible) . . . .

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我有好事 歌者犯罪前有何有事例是的一印

えまた」一面前二根高の大は物ですっちまり、ロハートスをなり、人工作用は食品が付属は猪局間罪事できた、と地で、だとけにりに飲る本日一九四大年十月二十一日大曜日十月の十月の十八日かん、スクロケルニだらは

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問は、性名、年令職業、及び古所、智力人は、ないとは、ないとう人が、事にいいが、前門、ない在しれる事ででしまり、在しれる事ででしまり、存成では、ない、ない、ない、はい、日本を事人たらし、承には、よう人物と見らし、務とは、日は、まれ、日は、日日本と、古い、日日本と、古い、日日本の、日日、田見されらし、

在は男子をか作してかかから」 成は、シャンピン、ちらかっ カーファ 日ナ大震、出傷を図り

こまえ)、方が衛衛を指:ロとろが、たり行いり歌争犯罪に関心報告りから人間、こけにはり松によらりなこ本のというかとなるので、月八八八八回

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しゃのしかいか、だったらていていななけ、致の関めしないとしてなるなれないか

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その食物の塩り、昨正午トリオニ世見いりかけでかろ。その飲料と切世見いするる。次、目のう食物り三回世見とろいろ、朝の事人かとそち食りとでしていました。我との運しうとき来る最初、日、今後あまた一事、かとて見なるとでり、我との運しうとき来る最初の、日、今後は本に事、不見議できすのいり、デス、日本人側で、見か改善するとは様できたとう、十八、小のとは、日は、男人でして、男人では、一門、大谷と歯り面のことで、人谷と歯をあり、一門、大谷と歯ののことで、

すけりは、しょうとうしいろころでとうだとうだだがろろっては来ないのはは、非常する、で、はらりははないかとうなり人意の見してい来

氏が詳細・報去るストコトかお来った。 は、同いて、当時医療的立者を指当と子はり一級」医自己でルストラップ医生の放謝情教、何つ、受のいろ、すりトモ日本人のう、世見とつないから

フラアルと見かりそでいる。有なるとはでは、一般、原本なる、日本のは、一般、情報が情毒なまり吸と込てとう一枚、紙で経る私自身が、所謂病人行列といき、月日数手とでき、ソンラ、就中人生私自身が、、所謂病人行列といき、月日数手とでき、ソンラ、就中人生

同うならは同所が造うレテアックコトデス。人はも直り座のクコトも大 倒とは関き何を彼とするして、り旅り内庭・野天デシナトンバナラナカツ いずれ、は、水かかりをはしてはらりすは、そりはで、ラレナー草のりそか者は そ飲料を切世見いすかり、デスの次、日かう食物ラニ回世見とている。例、事、かいそ不ら全りつかとデング、我とか連レラレラをする日子の一本、かいまかいまないの、不りいする また、事、引、不見議でそかいターデス、日本人例が、日本人のない改善のう人と様 - 事、かいそそは全りいてもンデング、我とかはし、ちょうまかり見いのり日、今日

食物してい、一握り様とう意木上傷いろか、コント幹一種記者は …以はしてはどうモーデング。ソレ、金り一番で来り戻る我り生のいろとしず 以後下了米、落房設備,確察中食火延慢,了米,即藏所力,待 テキタモーアアリアとのは後にり野様米、後物、一落、福を食べ、コレラ我 - 食いいしては続いりしてトリスト

然ら飢餓:谁ちゃとして、は、こと監督のサレテ屋り人意い豆のらべしてい米 すけるはいしているころからはないしていたられることのようないろっ

医せる及りはない何でないのう、すりトス日本人のういか見とつかがから は、同いて、立時医療的は付り様きとてはり一級一屋にはたいストラップ はかいますはナヤはヨスいコトかままかって、

私自身が、計謂高人行列ナルを、月日数チンマング、ソンテ、飲中人生 有害、熱帯特有、隆的が消毒夢のととうと一枚、紙子震 フテアルーこはなかりキアンス

いのでアリアラグ、彼八又同時二監獄・監督を持去ごをありから、私いいるでアアリング、彼八又同時二監獄・監督を持去ごををしてかられいる事にいるのの、後年死刑就行人にのは、私、私、教、下げりとり強打了目撃というとと対所に対け、

ラケニサンクラトラ秋々三古のハマンク、 ト立二何トンテ日本孫下金郎隊一大尉八十二発一躍九十孔が開れて記が 用サンクモディーフング、日本花下金部隊、相当一元衛者と出ンタコ後一選、シ両者、多今日本人が受すり相关三対えと報復手侵しとう処に開けしてよい、ファング、飛行房、防衛生任ディーマング、最初、初十「ソエリング」中間及い「ロベモンド」首長、本日通かかかく、飛行

セランル前二巻かシノを信すとクト云フィーを、ちゃてシタ、センか「ミナハッナ」城区、住民ハ、「ワィリンか」ト「ロベモンド」か处門トーター、初田二着陸サセル・デアックト 私三語リマンと 姓名八知りてサイディリックナラ、彼八落下金部隊を前近一般行場してりる人村高八天飛行場しる中衛でのます。「生力のことでは、私が軍法官議、通りと呼ばれてを表に知から呼ば、

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いかかいいよいなりのという、見して、兄、思しなりやしかとか一般随人本共の の 微かいいいかいが一次痛をトント、昼にないるといる感じのとこの感じの、其に同い では屋、中へ上端していたくいいしているとからはないっているとうで ·我一篇=1070。 截等八年第十番森上多人一個一次下一、成等八年

- 歯り打を抜かり、母尿り及し、熱いロとないしてかなまかなンデンク。 日本人小被等三角之夕質問、南部「也」八八二於己所滿一里隊一数一样二 英用サンチにのはいるは、明光としは一般、うなっしていりのデアルでしる。

日本人、云ノーコロデ、後等即の中鮮及問題者、如き各場議論者 テアル以上着事此級筋事一項、はテキュナノテ任に生でアルケラ、コー情報 一次の(とりとかなれとはながかとなったらから

リンド一九田三年一日十日日頃 起いタコト三年とかいりーナ人。 日本へ、俊等三碗睡眠っよいりとう熟光けせていり、夫ラッラ花し 假等が空報尚的り込墨するルコトが出来する場合に饿多い新者サンナ トラントルストルイノルのはおかしないから

養水夫: 一般: 機等がはしなかとう 行いりう見るがはいき来るしの見 樹もひかって次とは、粉をりは、(12)から

「「アアア」」ほり日本人大群・醫者及び他・落下金部隊、成者に、 「カムランルス」内野関が行に夫ラリゲリろ既士が捕傷すり、うろかり 機能の人かいかりはなかととないいとははいいかっている。

精理者でつてりてすり、軍事、歌前、美とりに連ってる。 日本一落下维都隊一者实、被等が每日病随室三末引了了三人一者

- 園様しとらいておいかれませばいたかはないかったがし の端のうがは、三人がから歌曲、一人に日本が有る びかりと後子成等は大とからか」去かっている。 ひり生後ではよず」軍者いからの韓はち一成とう歌呼が なまりな人の変えてるでいり切得に居住されることでしまし めたしたラン土を考べはすた一年できたいけいできたとうなど そかがり、教をからういとして、思思いないなくなってくとして ロトレ生に関するトラン 上於問為愛是且即常二記人一為明確十十八八日代、他一 陳坐園教寺中一回事、故門一切できません。 一千年一部横上于成二年一家兴事日后有几日十 場へにかいていているでして 金面前於下作成於 toxeのは回居はサーーーしては、れか (日本とか) 江外何元と近的ラナーン事子ら且在日本り 海路區圖壓帶 スコルシ(をしる) 心里有一工確認一歲 しいとソントソミラテー(日本一日) 万里いいていての人につくしまれる人 一年一年四年一一一一年 其一年日 己拉 政府所聽戰争代罪謂宣局核事機長官

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一面ないといいたちゃみでは、下されていかいかいかい の独しつかは、三人がから戦性、人くの母が有る び打ちく後子は年に大とから私三生のでろう。 此事自者への大いろうらいかないはほぼこまりでいいいしょ のナートランまをおはすた、天七二村と内にはいていては大 そかがり、教をからういとしてして思ると教をしてくくして ロマル生の場合ニムマン 上於問為愛言且即應二記人一時的問情十十一八日信、他一 陳坐」国教寺中一回事、故門、祀にそう要求やべう =一年一部横上子成二年一郎这者日后有九日十 場へ「アントノドラ」(日本のは) 余面前於下作成也 大は谷のは国は年ーーしては、木丁(日本のか) 了以前四元と近路らかりと事うら日本日は上上海一次子記人、は、日本教的信候三月り下上与天 海路區圖型華人スコルシー(を一つ) 百香三十曜時一歲 レレセソントソ くうを一日 万里とからしているというとうかん 一年事長記一十一一年 当時(年日) 政府所聽戰争代罪謂宣傷檢事總長官

- 西森とから、トルムとかかまは、下されなのとからかいかい の猫のかがよりしくいから歌ましてい日本が有る の都らく及子依等は天とから私三古かってろりのり、一世後では至りの事情にから、本情で一成と、大阪時で 水井自安への大いようらいかはことはにはないいろし めたしたマンまるたけ、なて、大きから内はいいろり、そのでは そかがり、歌らをないろうでとしてして思めいかなりとうくとして レトレ生の物でニケッシ 上於問為愛見且即傳一語人一時的問節十十八八日信、他一 陳坐一国教神中一回等、改作り加にそう要求かべう 二十年一部橋下少成二年一原送書品有九日十 場へにかいていているでは 余面前於下作成於 tracoungは中ナーーしてはれる(日本です) 了以外何も一天治的ラナーン事子ら日本日本り、海天子記人、は、ちの大郎にほぼ三月り下はち来、うこして 振路區圖壓帶 人口升了(繁色) 白人有一工確認一家 レレレンドソシラデー(日本一日) 万里のラトライントノーニアス 一年一年四年一一一一年 其一年日 政府所聽戰争代罪謂直傷檢事總長官

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